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Southern District of Alabama
113 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Charles R. Butler, Jr.
Chief Judge

251-690-2175

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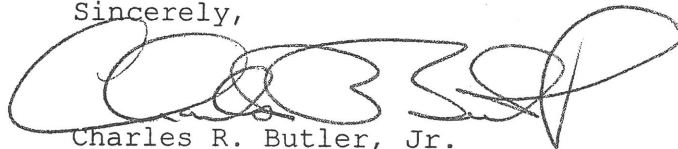
Mr. Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Clarence Aaron
Doc. No. 93-0008
Applicant for commutation of sentence

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your role as an attorney for the Department of Justice--an agency of the Executive Branch of government--is far different than mine as a trial and sentencing judge of the Judicial Branch of government. I therefore feel it inappropriate for me to offer any "comments or recommendations concerning the merits of (Aaron's) clemency request" just as I would feel it inappropriate for you to comment on my role as the trial and sentencing judge in this case.

Sincerely,



Charles R. Butler, Jr.